

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 11, 16, 18-20, 50-55, 60, 65 and 67-79 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-7, 11, 16, 18, 19, 50-55, 60, 65, 67 and 68 are amended, and claims 8-10, 12-15, 17, 56-59, 61-64 and 66 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added.

Claims 1-7, 11, 16, 18, 19, 50-55, 60, 65, 67 and 68 are amended to improve form. Support for the claims is found in the disclosure as originally filed.

For the following reasons, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 14, 50-53, 56, 57 and 63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Otsuka et al. (US Pub. No. 2003/0021593), in view of Martin et al. (US Pub. No. 2003/0055912). The rejection of cancelled claims 8, 14, 56, 57 and 63 is moot. The rejection of pending claims 1-4, 7 and 50-53 is respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that Otsuka and Martin, either individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest a method for connecting a media player to a remote server, the method comprising checking whether connecting to a remote server is required while reproducing data recorded on a storage medium; analyzing connection information recorded on the storage medium to determine whether a connection to the remote server is permitted, if the connecting to the remote server is required, the connection information comprising a list of servers to which the media player may or may not connect; and determining whether to request the connection to the remote server, based on a result of the analyzing, and performing the connection to the remote server, if the connection to the remote server is permitted, in

accordance with the connection information, as recited in claim 1.

Also, it is respectfully submitted that Otsuka and Martin, either individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest an apparatus for connecting a media player to a remote server, the apparatus comprising a signal processor; a memory; and a control unit configured to control the signal processor and the memory, the control unit configured to check whether connecting to a remote server is required while reproducing data recorded on a storage medium, analyze connection information recorded on the storage medium to determine whether a connection to the remote server is permitted, if the connecting to the remote server is required, the connection information comprising a list of servers to which the media player may or may not connect, and determine whether to request the connection to the remote server, based on the analyzed result, wherein the control unit is further configured to perform the connection to the remote server, if the connection to the remote server is permitted, in accordance with the connection information, as recited in claim 50.

With respect to Otsuka, in addition to the deficiency acknowledged by the Examiner in the Office Action, Otsuka is further deficient for lack of analyzing connection information recorded on the storage medium to determine whether a connection to the remote server is permitted, if the connecting to the remote server is required. Instead, Otsuka simply disclose a user agent program that allows a user to access website documents in a network or stored in the local optical disc 116 (see, for example, paragraph [0017] at lines 8-17 of Otsuka). The user agent program is simply for performing connection to a remote server in a user agent mode, but is one that does not determine whether connection to a specific remote server is permitted, or for that matter, one that does not analyze connection information recorded on the storage medium

to determine whether a connection to the remote server is permitted.

Martin fails to remedy the deficiencies of Otsuka because Martin simply discloses connection information that could cause certain mobile devices or requests to connect to certain remote servers by using the wireless network B instead of the wireless network A, whereby the requests to different resources on the network could use the same wireless network, but also causes the connections to have different network characteristics or quality of service (see paragraph [0041] of Martin). Martin additionally discloses how the connection information is used to provide a network connection between a network browser and a network (see, paragraphs [0042]-[0046] in general, and paragraph [0045] in particular of Martin). However, Martin lacks analyzing connection information recorded on the storage medium to determine whether a connection to the remote server is permitted, if the connecting to the remote server is required since, in Martin, the connection information is simply to connect, and is neither used to determine whether a connection to the remote server is permitted, nor analyzed to determine whether a connection to the remote server is permitted.

Based on the above, it is noted that Otsuka and Martin, either individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claims 1 and 50. Accordingly, claims 1 and 50 are patentably distinguishable over the applied references and their combination. Claims 2-4 and 7, which depend from claim 1; and claims 51-53, which depend from claim 50, are likewise patentably distinguishable over the applied references and their combination for at least the reasons discussed above and/or for the additional features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 5 and 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Otsuka, in view of Martin, and further in view of Teramoto (US Pub. No. 2002/0006094). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, Otsuka, in view of Martin, fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 1, from which claim 5 depends, and fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 50, from which claim 54 depends. As Teramoto fails to remedy the deficiencies of Otsuka and Martin, either individually or in combination, claims 5 and 54 are also patentably distinguishable over the applied references and their combination for at least the reasons discussed above and/or for the additional features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 9, 10, 15-20, 58, 59, 64-69 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Otsuka and Martin, in view of Ludvig et al. (US Pub. No. 2004/0073941). The rejection of cancelled claims 9, 10, 15, 17, 58, 59, 64 and 66 is moot. The rejection of pending claims 16, 18-20, 65 and 67-69 is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, Otsuka, in view of Martin, fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 1, from which claims 16 and 18-20 depend, and fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 50, from which claims 65 and 67-69 depend. As Ludvig fails to remedy the deficiencies of Otsuka and Martin, either individually or in combination, claims 16, 18-20, 65 and 67-69 are also patentably distinguishable over the applied references and their combination for at least the reasons discussed above and/or for the additional features they recite.

Specifically, Ludvig simply disclose source content 112 that may be authored to

reference limited or closed set of resources such as those presented via a walled garden Website. Walled garden content of Ludvig does not reference resources that are outside of the walled garden (see, paragraph [0022] of Ludvig). Ludvig also simply discloses source download/transcode server 216 that downloads the source content 112 via a network from an external data source, and which transcodes the downloaded content 112 into iWGP including MPEG stills and metadata, so that the transcoded iWGP will later be provided to a client (see paragraphs [0034]-[0035] of Ludvig).

In short, the recited connection information of the claims is managed in a file, that is, a start-up file, while the iWGP of Ludvig is a content including MPEG stills and metadata provided by the source download/transcode server 216 that is downloaded via a walled garden Web site from an external data source, and thereafter transcoded.

Accordingly, for this additional reason, claims 16, 18-20, 65 and 67-69, as well as their respective base claims, are further distinguishable from the applied references and their combination. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 6, 11-13, 55 and 60-62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Otsuka and Martin, and further in view of Tsumagari (US Pub. No. 2003/0161615). The rejection of cancelled claims 12, 13, 61 and 62 is moot. The rejection of pending claims 6, 11, 55 and 60 is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, Otsuka, in view of Martin, fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 1, from which claims 6 and 11 depend; and fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 50, from which claims 55 and 60 depend. As Tsumagari fails to remedy

the deficiencies of Otsuka and Martin, either individually or in combination, claims 6, 11, 55 and 60 are also patentably distinguishable over the applied references and their combination for at least the reasons discussed above and/or for the additional features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

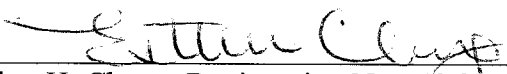
In view of the above amendment and/or remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Seth S. Kim, Reg. No. 54,577, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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